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REMARKS

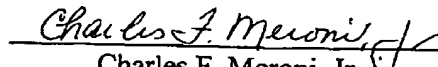
In the Office Action Summary, the U.S. Patent Examiner has indicated that Claim Nos. 1 – 14 are pending in the application. Claim Nos. 1 – 6 have been allowed; Claim Nos. 7 – 9 and 11 – 14 have been rejected for the reasons set forth on Page Nos. 3 – 4 of the Office Action; Claim No. 10 has been objected to; and Claim Nos. 15 – 25 have been withdrawn.

In response to the U.S. Patent Examiner's Office Action, Applicant has elected to cancel rejected claim numbers 7 – 14 as set forth in this amendment. Further, Applicant submits herewith new Claim No. 26, which claim incorporates the subject matter contained in canceled Claim Nos. 7 and 10, it being stated that Claim No. 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is now believed that this application is in immediate condition for allowance and such action is kindly requested. If, after a review of this Amendment, issues remain which may be resolved by a telephone interview, the U.S. Patent Examiner is cordially invited to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,  
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